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OF 31ST SESSION, MEETING OF WESTERN CAUCUS JULY 2

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1. SUMMARY: AT WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING JULY 2 AMB. DALE PRESENTED US POSITION ON ECE DECISIONS D AND B (XXXI) TRANSMITTED REF B. ONLY UK SEEMED PREPARED TO GIVE EVEN INITIAL RESPONSE. DISCUSSION CENTERED PRIMARILY AROUND CIRCULATION BY STANOVNIK OF GOVERNMENTS' VIEW ON SOVIET-PROPOSED CONGRESSES. END SUMMARY.

2. WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING OPENED JULY 2 WITH REPORT BY AMBASSADOR DALE ON STANOVNIK VISIT TO WASHINGTON JUNE 16 AND PRESENTATION OF US POSITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF "SPECIAL ATTENTION" DECISION ADOPTED AT 31ST SESSION OF ECE AND ITS LINKAGE TO SOVIET CONGRESSES INITIATIVE.

3. ONLY DIRECT RESPONSE TO US INTERVENTION, OTHER THAN EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR REPORT ON STANOVNIK WASHINGTON VISIT, WAS STATEMENT BY UK AMBASSADOR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT MAKE SAME LINK AS US BETWEEN DECISIONS D AND B (XXXI). HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO TAKE FIRM POSITION ON SOVIET INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME. REPORTS OF ECE PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES ON MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED AND COULD BE STUDIED IN CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING.

4. AUSTRIA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FLEXIBILITY SHOWN IN REACHING DECISION B (XXXI) ON CONGRESSES, CALLED FOR CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN CONGRESSES AND ECE, AND AUSGGESTED ECE COULD DO PREPARATORY WORK NECESSARY FOR FINAL DECISION ON MATTER. ITALY FELT SOVIETS GAVE MORE IMPORTANCE TO CONGRESSES THAN TO BELGRADE MEETING AND WISHED PRIOR DECISION ON MATTER TO PRESENT AT BELGRADE AS MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT. FRG AGREED USSR WOULD PURSUE CONGRESSES INITIATIVE TENACIOUSLY, BUT SAID FRG POSITION WAS "NEGATIVE".

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5. MOST OF DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND QUESTION OF CIRCULATION BY STANOVNIK OF SUCH VIEWS ON CONGRESSES AS GOVERNMENTS MIGHT TRANSMIT TO HIM. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT STANOVNIK SHOULD STICK STRICTLY TO PROVISIONS OF DECISION D (XXXI) IN THIS REGARD, SHOULD CIRCULATE VIEWS EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND SHOULD NOT SUBMIT REPORT ON HEMES AND OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED CONGRESSES AS REQUESTED BY SOVIET

AMBASSADOR IN RECENT NOTE VERBALE (REPORTED GENEVA 4051). THERE WAS ALSO AGREEMENT THAT ANY MEMBER OF WESTERN CAUCUS DECIDING TO SUBMIT VIEWS SHOULD INFORM OTHER MEMBERS OR CHAIRMAN. TO DATE NO MEMBER OF WESTERN CAUCUS HAD SUBMITTED VIEWS AND NO MEMBER OF EASTERN CAUCUS KNOWN TO HAVE DONE SO.

6. CANADIAN REP REPORTED THAT STANOVNIK HAD ADVISED THAT HE WOULD CIRCULATE VIEWS AS ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BUT NOT AS OFFICIAL ECE DOCUMENTS. HE ALSO REPORTED (SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY SECRETARIAT) THAT STANOVNIK HAD DIRECTED THAT FINAL REPORT OF EACH PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODY CONTAIN AT END A SECTION ON PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT. (FIRST SUCH PARAGRAPHS APPEARED IN REPORT OF CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS JULY 2.)

7. SWISS SUGGESTED AND OTHER AGREED THAT CAUCUS SHOULD HOLD MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF FOLLOW-UP ON 31ST SESSION DECISIONS, PARTICULARLY RE CONGRESSES. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT BEGINNING IN FALL, CAUCUS MIGHT MEET PRIOR TO EACH PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODY SESSION.
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